

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANT: Hiroki MATSUOKA Confirmation No. 5813

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FOR : EXHAUST PURIFYING APPARATUS AND EXHAUST  
PURIFYING METHOD FOR INTERNAL COMBUSTION  
ENGINE

GROUP ART UNIT : 3748

Examiner: Tu Minh NGUYEN

**Mail Stop Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
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**RESPONSE TO MARCH 4, 2009 OFFICE ACTION**

SIR:

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed March 4, 2009, the Applicant respectfully submits this response.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.